

The Friendly Times

Tea Parties, Phillies & Pugs—Oh My!

The monthly calendars at Friends Home and Linden Hall are overflowing with exciting outings and engaging activities, thanks to the dynamic new Community Life Team: **Christina Siciliano**, **Pamela Whyte**, and **Marisol Avilos**. Marketing Director Christina Johnston is also spreading the word about our vibrant, thriving community in the heart of Kennett Square.



Recently, residents and staff were spotted enjoying the Anson B. Nixon Park Trout Rodeo, the Memorial Day Parade, Styer's Festival of Peonies, and the Fashion for a Cure event at Penn Oaks Country Club. And the fun continues—a trip to see the Phillies play on July 2 is just around the corner!

Inside, the Activity Center at Friends Home and the Linden Hall Dining Room are buzzing with new happenings. Thanks

to Pamela Whyte, Tuesday afternoons have become “Tea Party Time,” complete with charming decorations, a variety of teas, and tempting treats. Pamela’s sweet little pug, Bella, often joins the festivities.

Christina Siciliano also knows how to throw a party. Friday afternoons now feature themed **weekly Socials**, with June celebrations including **National Donut Day**, **Father’s Day**, **Juneteenth**, and the **first day of summer**. The month ends with a **Birthday Bash and Welcome Party** for new residents.

In addition to the fabulous concerts and musical activities **Brenten McGee** is known for, he and Christina are launching a new monthly **Drama Club**. The first meeting will be held on **Monday, June 23, at 2:30 PM in the Activity Room**.

Interested in learning Spanish or brushing up on your skills? **Marisol** will be teaching a **Spanish Class every Tuesday at 11:00 AM in the Linden Hall Dining Room**. **Everyone is welcome!**

Stay tuned—the fun is just getting started!



Klaus and Lisa at the Trout Rodeo



We love a parade especially the Kennett Memorial Day Parade!



If it's Tuesday, it must be Tea Party Time!

And have you met Bella?



Joan, Marie, Christina and Brenten step out at Fashion for a Cure.

All Around Friends Home and Linden Hall

Preparing for the Spring Concert:

Friday May 30 at 3:00 pm



It was delightful to meet Barbara Goodwyn and her lovely family enjoying a sunny afternoon on the porch. Four generations, enjoying a beautiful spring afternoon.

Happy Birthday!

6/2 - George Starr

6/6 - Eileen

Jennings

6/7 - Ed Johnson

6/8 - Greg Leonard

6/9 - Florence Bertrando

Poetry Corner:

Why Was June Made

Warm summer sun,
Why was June made?—Can you guess?
June was made for happiness!
Even the trees
Know this, and the breeze
That loves to play
Outside all day,
And never is too bold or rough,
Like March's wind, but just a tiny blow's enough;
And all the fields know
This is so—
June was not made for wind and stress,
June was made for happiness;
Little happy daisy faces
Show it in the meadow places,
And they call out when I pass,
"Stay and play here in the grass."
June was made for happy things,
Boats and flowers, stars and wings,
Not for wind and stress,
June was made for happiness!

-Annette Wynne

Styers Peony Festival



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Fondly Remembering...

Mary Anne Blatzheim

Mary Anne Blatzheim (Johnson), age 92, formerly of Selbyville and South Bethany Beach, DE and Rockville, MD, went home to the Good Lord on May 21, 2025, at Friends Home, Kennett Square, PA. She was born in Washington, D.C. and was the daughter of the late Donald S. and Marian (Locraft) Johnson. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, Robert Charles Blatzheim. They were the devoted parents of fifteen children.



She is survived by her children Shirley A. Schenker (Nathan) of Kennett Square, PA; Mary Anne Poch (Charlie) of Venice, FL; Carol Anne Blatzheim of Nokomis, FL; Robert C. Blatzheim, Jr. (Anne) of Selbyville, DE; Sue Anne Blatzheim of Ocean View, DE; Margaret Anne Booth (David) of Avondale, PA; Michael C. Blatzheim (Lynn) of Laytonsville, MD; Joseph C. Blatzheim (Kendra) of Kearneysville, WV; Jeanne Marie Anne Hitch (Gary) of Dagsboro, DE; James C. Blatzheim of Lewes, DE; Stephen C. Blatzheim of Frankford, DE; William C. Blatzheim (fiancé Corissa McCann) of Dagsboro, DE; and Daniel C. Blatzheim (Jocelyn) of Gambrills, MD; by her siblings Therese' Matan, Richard Johnson, Kathleen Cadigan (James), and David Johnson (Evelyn), and 25 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She graduated high school from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and received her associate degree from the Georgetown Visitation Junior College in Washington, D.C. She fondly remembered playing field hockey and basketball. She was very proud of her job as a medical secretary for pediatric ophthalmologist Marshall Parks in Washington, D.C. She travelled with her husband while he was in the U.S. Navy when stationed in Florida and Norfolk, Virginia, before moving back to the suburbs of Washington, D.C. and, eventually, to southern Delaware to raise their family. When all her children were in school, she volunteered as a special education aide. She went back to school and graduated from the Director of Religious Education (DRE) program at Loyola University. She served as DRE at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Berlin, MD, St. Luke's and St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Ocean City, MD for many years before retiring.

She enjoyed boat rides after dinner, summers on the beach, crabbing, painting clay pots, coloring, knitting, car rides and going out to eat filet mignon and crab cakes. Her love of chocolate took her to her happy place. She mostly treasured having all her family at big dinners at the family home and was famous for her delicious chocolate chip cookies and apple sauce.

Erma Amen

Erma May Amen, age 89, of Kennett Square, PA passed away on April 30, 2025 at Friends Home in Kennett, her home for the past three years.

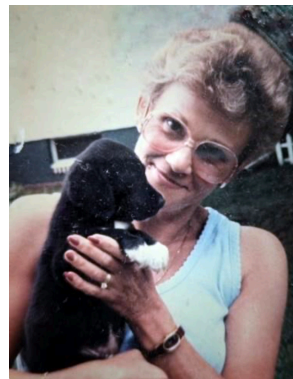


Born in Gloucester City, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Marie and Robert Hunt. She attended Gloucester High School and went on to serve our country in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. Erma retired after 25 years as a sales executive for Hobart International. She especially loved her dogs and cats.

In addition to her parents, Erma was predeceased by her husband James V. Amen on May 3, 2003. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, her best friends, Daniel and Steve and her 2 cats, My and Boys.



Elsie Jane "Janie" Littel



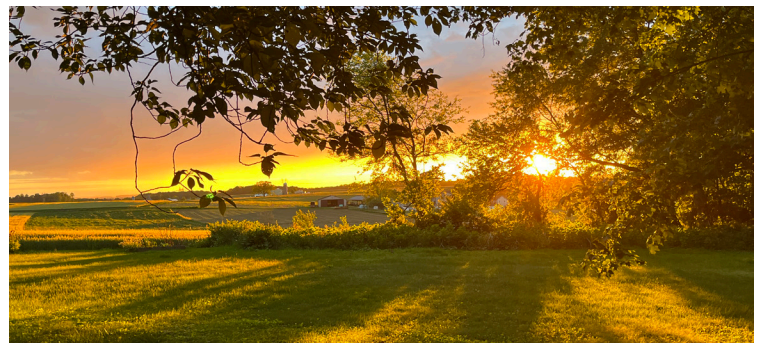
On May 23, 2025 Elsie Jane "Janie" Littel passed away peacefully at Linden Hall in Kennett Square, PA. She was 86 years old.

She was the only child of Betty and Jim Clark and grew up in Hockessin, DE. In 1957 she graduated from Conrad High School and one year later she married Robert "Bobby" Littel of Wilmington, DE. They were married for 62 years.

Janie and Bobby had two children, Carolyn Littel, VMD (Jeff

Muehlmann) and Jeffrey Littel.

Janie enjoyed cooking, especially large Sunday dinners where everyone was always welcome, and working in her yard and flower beds. Other than her family, what brought her the most joy were her animals, especially her cats.





Here Comes Summer

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Outdoors
Ocean
Lemonade
Sand Castles
Picnic
Tennis
Grilling

Seashells
Vacation
Ice Cream
Seashore
Fireworks
Hiking

Crabbing
Gardening
Sunglasses
Sunshine
Corn on the Cob
Seashore

Fishing
Hotdogs
Flip Flops
Watermelon
Croquet
Beach